

Poetry.

For the Liberty Standard.

Arody on "The Working Man's Appeal."

By G. C. COKE.

evolving years still speed their course away,
and man still treads on his fellow clay;
but half these States our brethren cry in pain—
iron they are bound in Slavery's galling chain.

so long their dearest rights have been betrayed;
so long have tyrants an iron screepe swayed,

ill are they kept in dire oppression's awe,

y whips, and chains, and dogs, and by the aid

of law.

millions of the poor colored men,

ten year to year since slavery began,

have spent their days in servile toil and pain,

and all their labor's been the white man's gain.

The poor slave's hands rear up the palace wall;

It sweat and toil bedeck the spurious hall;

it hardy knows he where to lay his head;

his home's a hole and the ground his bed.

he bears the clothing with its guilty hue,

To deck the persons of the lordly few;

let him if a cost cannot obtain;

But all his might be toils, but toils in vain!

What makes this difference in the social state?

Are all things governed by decree of fate?

Why should the black man who prepares the

feast,

Partake of none, but be treated like a beast?

Because the laws, our country's laws are wrong.

They help the white man and assist the strong;

To him who has usurped power, they give still

more,

And make the slave yet poorer than before!

Our fathers make these base and cruel laws,

To help the oppressor in his wicked cause,

To increase his avarice, power and wealth;

And thus sustain his proud and lordly self.

These laws I must be reformed, ye christian free-

men!

Then all will have their rights; and not till

they;

Let not aristocrats make for you

Their unjust, cruel laws, to benefit the few!

Then hast ye to the polls! to the polls! un-

ye see!

The laws made equal, and the slave set free;

Remember, 'tis the laws that you must trust;

And see they're based upon the rights of man.

May 25, 1843.

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The Kiss.

'Tis the test of affection, the sweetest and sur-

est;

'Tis a blessing from Heaven the choices and

purest;

Ev'e come from the spirit above.

'Tis the holiest pledge, a lover can give;

'Tis the first and fondest and dearest,

Twixt the lips that bestow and the lips that

receive;

'Tis the bond that binds them secure.

And, O, then, how cold and how bard is the

heart,

How poor and unworthy the kiss,

That feels not the pleasure that pledge can

impart,

And knows not the worth of a kiss.

Sole.

NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.—An exhibition of the scholars of this institution was held on Wednesday the 10th inst., which is to be followed by a highly gratifying one at the audience who were present.

The number of pupils was 75, 43, 50 and 52 females. One of the pupils, Miss Frances J. Crosby, recited the following poetical address, which was composed by herself for the occasion:

The Blind Girl's Address.

They tell us of the sunny train,

That sparkles in thy sky of blue;

When, gaily, o'er the verdant plain,

Mirth, evening sends his pensive hue.

And of the glorious orb of day,

That bums the spacious earth we tread.

But vain, alas! its golden ray

Upon our sightless eyes is shed!

They tell us of the landscape fair,

The gushing fount, the pleasant shade;

Of spring's young flowers that blossom there,

In nature's lovely garb arrayed.

The smile that decks the human face,

The brilliant eye, the joyous brow,

Are beauties we may never trace!

A rayless morn abounds as now!

But why, ah why, the failing tear?

Why leaves the sad, unbidden sigh?

The lamp of knowledge, bright and fair,

Fours lustre on our mental eye.

And, oh! religion's heavenly ray,

Our lesson lights with sacred love;

And bids us look from earth away,

To an eternal world above.

To us our Father hath denied

The blessings He on you bestows;

Yet sweetly now our gentle glide,

He gives us friends to soothe our woes.

And tho' we never can express

The gratitude to you we owe,

God, your benevolence will bless,

And his approving smile bestow.

The following exquisite little poem of poetry was written for a recent exhibition in Boston, by W. F. WETHERED, a hard working stone cutter:—

God's spirit's smile in flowers,

And in soft sunbeams,

He loves his love,

Each dew-drop speaks his praise,

And all their songs play,

Light from on high.

The tiny vines that creep

Along the ravines steep,

Obey His nod.

The golden orb of day,
And ocean's created spray,
To him due honor pay,
Creation's God.

Thus Farnsworth wears his bloom,
And smiles beyond the tomb,
In ours own light,
O may that love be ours,
With all our strength, our power,
Cheering like smiling flowers,
Hoipe's deepest night.

New York Anniversaries.

American Temperance Union.

The American Temperance Union celebrated its 7th Anniversary on Friday evening, at the Tabernacle. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity and the exercises were of an unusually interesting character. Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen presided and the exercises were opened by a Prayer by Rev. B. B. Edwards, of the Theological Seminary, at Andover, Massachusetts.

J. A. Corning, Esq., then read the following summary—

The American Temperance Union in account with J. A. Corning, Treasurer—
By sale of Publications \$7,507.14
Sundry Donations and Collections \$50 20
Dr. To balance of last year \$304.25
Paid for Paper, &c. 5,728.40
Salary of Secretary 620.00
Rent of office, &c. 1,313.19
Postage, &c. 225.43
Discount on Bills 95.54
Books &c. 444.35

Balance \$550.80

Rev. John Marsh presented the report of the Executive Committee. It stated the general purpose of the Union clearly and forcibly. Hon. Revlon Walworth has been chosen President of the Union, in place of Gen. Cooke of Virginia, who was forced by his family to resign that post. During the year there have been circulated 7,000 Journals, 25,000 Almanacs, 4,000 Hymn Books and a large number of Dr. Seelye's Plates.

The Temperance Reformation has been instrumental in saving not less than half a million of our citizens from degradation and ruin—but restored more than 100,000 drunkards to a sober life. The progress of temperance in a great degree—has made the poor rich—the wretched happy, and the idle industrious. It has greatly diminished crime, it has been certified by judges in various portions of the land, as well as by Reports of State Prisons in several of the States. In Massachusetts of 145 discharged prisoners who signed the pledge, but 3 have been reconvicted. It has given the disabled blind to a life of usefulness and independence which has so turned the land. A strong feeling has been excited against the License System two thirds of the inland Trade is now carried on without aid of any port or custom house, and in the medical profession the army and navy, and the church have been considerably embarrassed by the unsettled state of the country. Some of the missionaries have been disengaged by the Treaty, and are returning; others have said all that could be done that the way of the Lord is prepared, and are encouraged to hold on and vigorously prosecute it.

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